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President: Mr. BUTLER (Australia)

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The meeting was called to order at 10.30 a.m.

ELECTIONS, NOMINATIONS AND CONFIRMATIONS (continued)

The PRESIDENT invited the Council, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 48/162 of 20 December 1993, to elect the members of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund (UNDP/UNFPA) and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); the terms of office would be three years and would begin on 1 January of each year, with the exception of the initial terms of office which would begin on the date of election. In that respect, he drew attention to document E/1994/6 and to the informal list of candidates which had been circulated at the meeting.

He further noted that it was the established practice for the terms of office of newly elected members of intergovernmental bodies to be staggered for the initial period in order to avoid the entire membership of a body retiring at the same time. In that regard, he suggested that, when a regional group presented a list on which all the candidatures were endorsed by that group, it should also indicate the initial term of office for each member to be elected. If there was no clean slate, or if no agreement was reached within a group, he would draw lots.

Mr. GATARINO (Portugal) said that his delegation wished to withdraw its candidature for the Executive Board of UNICEF, but to maintain it for UNDP.

Mr. KARSLIOGLU (Turkey) said that his delegation wished to withdraw its candidature for the Executive Board of UNDP, but to maintain it for UNICEF.

Mr. VIDAURRE (Colombia) said that his delegation wished to withdraw its candidature for the Executive Board of UNDP.

Mr. PAK (Democratic People's Republic of Korea) said that his delegation wished to confirm its candidature for the Executive Board of UNICEF; he pointed out that in the informal list, the adjective "People's" had been left out of the name "Democratic People's Republic of Korea".

Mrs. PEÑA (Nicaragua) said that, in order to facilitate the elections, her delegation would withdraw its candidature for the Executive Board of UNDP.

Elections to the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund

Group of African States and Group of Eastern European States

The PRESIDENT suggested that, since the number of candidates proposed by the two groups was equal to the number of vacancies for those groups, the Council should elect them by acclamation.

It was so decided.

Bulgaria, Cameroon, Congo, Gambia, Lesotho, Morocco, Poland, Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Somalia and Sudan were elected members of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA by acclamation.

The PRESIDENT said that since there were more candidates from the other groups than there were vacancies for those groups, a separate vote would be taken, by secret ballot, for each regional group. The number of vacancies was as follows: 7 for the Asian States, 5 for the Latin American and Caribbean States and 12 for the Western European and other States.

Group of Asian States

Mr. KITTIKHOUN (Lao People's Democratic Republic) said that it could be seen from the informal list before the Council that three of the candidatures were supported by the Group of Asian States and eight were not. He proposed that the three candidates who had been endorsed by the Group should be elected by acclamation.

The PRESIDENT said that he wished to state for the record that, if the Council decided to adopt that proposal, it should be aware that that was not the standard practice of the General Assembly but an exceptional situation, and that the decision should not be regarded as a precedent.

If there was no objection, he would take it that the Council wished to elect the three candidates supported by the Group of Asian States by acclamation and fill the four remaining vacancies by holding an election among the eight other candidates.

It was so decided.

China, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines were elected members of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA by acclamation.

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Racoosin (United States of America) and Mr. Nyamudahondo (Zimbabwe) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot:

Number of ballot papers:	54
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	54
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	54
Required majority:	28
Number of votes obtained:	
India	44
Republic of Korea	40
Bangladesh	35
Indonesia	34
Pakistan	34
Malaysia	12
Iran	9
Yemen	5

Having obtained the required majority, Bangladesh, India and the Republic of Korea were elected members of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA.

The PRESIDENT said that for the fourth vacancy, a second ballot would be held between Indonesia and Pakistan following the election of the members from the other regional groups.

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Murphy (Ireland) and Mr. Andriyaka (Ukraine) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	54
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	54
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	54
Required majority:	28
Number of votes obtained:	
Trinidad and Tobago	46

Cuba	45
Peru	45
Argentina	43
Uruguay	41
Ecuador	37
Brazil	1
Colombia	1
Costa Rica	1
Jamaica	1
Nicaragua	1
Suriname	1

Having obtained the required majority, Argentina, Cuba, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago and Uruguay were elected members of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA.

Group of Western European and other States

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Avalle (Argentina) and Mr. Somolov (Russian Federation) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	54
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	54
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	54
Required majority:	28
Number of votes obtained:	
Japan	49
France	48
Belgium	47
Germany	46
Canada	45
United Kingdom	45
Italy	44
United States of America	44
Norway	40
Portugal	39
Denmark	38

Netherlands	32
New Zealand	32
Austria	25
Sweden	23
Switzerland	20
Australia	2
Spain	2
Finland	1

Having obtained the required majority, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Norway, Portugal, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America were elected members of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA.

The PRESIDENT said that for the twelfth vacancy, a second ballot would have to be held between New Zealand and the Netherlands.

Second ballot for the Group of Asian States

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Muraoka (Japan) and Mr. Awaad (Egypt) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	54
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	54
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	54
Required majority:	28
Number of votes obtained:	
Pakistan	32
Indonesia	22

Having obtained the required majority, Pakistan was elected as a member of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA.

Second ballot for the Group of Western European and other States

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Diaz (Venezuela) and Mr. Visvinathan (India) acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	54
Number of invalid ballots:	0

Number of valid ballots:	54
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	54
Required majority:	28
Number of votes obtained:	
New Zealand	27
Netherlands	27

The PRESIDENT said that since neither of the candidates had obtained the required majority, and the votes were equally divided, the Council, under rule 69 of its rules of procedure, had to hold a third ballot confined to the two candidates.

Third ballot for the Group of Western European and other States

At the invitation of the President, Mr. Diaz (Venezuela) and Mr. Visvinathan (India) again acted as tellers.

A vote was taken by secret ballot.

Number of ballot papers:	54
Number of invalid ballots:	0
Number of valid ballots:	54
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	54
Required majority:	28
Number of votes obtained:	
New Zealand	27
Netherlands	27

The PRESIDENT, again referring to rule 69 of the rules of procedure, said that since once again the votes were equally divided, he had to decide between the candidates by drawing lots; if there was no objection, he would proceed accordingly.

It was so decided.

The President drew lots.

Its name having been drawn by the President, New Zealand was elected as a member of the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA.

Elections to the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund

Group of African States and Group of Eastern European States

The PRESIDENT said that since the number of candidates proposed by the two groups was equal to the number of vacancies for those groups, he took it that the Council wished to elect those candidates by acclamation, for a term of office starting on the date of election.

It was so decided.

Angola, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mozambique, Romania, Russian Federation and United Republic of Tanzania were elected members of the Executive Board of UNICEF by acclamation.

The meeting rose at 1.05 p.m.